

The model does indeed propose a psychological construct of *how* Dahmer came to be what he was, but the authors do not touch on *why* he did. What was it that made Dahmer different from the many other people with difficult backgrounds, with perhaps mild paraphilias, in whom the combination does not lead to horror? That question is left unanswered – but then the book didn't set out to answer it.

In conclusion, the book sets out to propose and test a psychological model for the development of lust murder, as a piece of subjective research, and in that it appears, to succeed. It's likely target audience is the forensic psychologist. For the non-specialist reader, it offers some insight to the psycho-pathological models but frustrates in that the model is not one that suggests any obvious potential early therapeutic intervention to prevent escalation,

and does not provide any form of framework for investigation or detection of such crimes. It certainly won't help the quest to be "tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime," but it may just help us perceive that the perpetrator of such crimes may be a victim of their own externally-conditioned aberrant psychological constructs, easy access to facilitators such as pornography, alcohol and drugs, and an extension of a continuum of human sexuality.

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Introduction to Homeland Security, J.A. Bullock et al. Butterworth-Heinemann (2005), 534 pp.

Hail a new academic discipline: "Homeland Security"! That's the first message from the authors of this attractively presented book, which emerges as a response to September 11. The USA Patriot Act and Homeland Security Act of 2002 and the establishment of the Department of Homeland Security have more than a minor connection. The authors outline the scope of Homeland Security in terms of preventing terrorist attacks, minimising damage and enhancing recovery from such attacks. Yes, and in case you had not guessed, the Homeland is the United States! The book examines the response to terrorism on a grand scale and the examples cited certainly indicate the finances which have been thrown at the problem in the US. From a European perspective, there is something which is so obvious, yet completely missing – prevention and even prediction. The stereotypical European would certainly want to know what makes the terrorist tick, get inside their heads, predict their actions, think about working towards helping them see the error of their ways or even consider solutions based upon diplomacy and negotiation. In contrast, the US perspective pervading this book is the implacable correctness of the US view and the way that the US can ultimately win through with confidence, by power and spending. The historic overview does nothing to examine the different motivations of different terrorists or why terrorism exists.

The book has been constructed in a professional fashion. There are few typographical errors and lots of engag-

ing colour photographs. The overall theme is one of reassurance about the extent to which the US authorities have addressed this problem and got it under control. However, the examples given do seem to provide a slightly different perspective.

Clearly, somewhat hurriedly put together as a temporary sort of textbook, it does not really read like one. The review questions at the end of each chapter do seem to sit rather strangely. There is no doubt that it focuses upon those individuals whose professional roles are to protect the US against terrorism. It aims to turn this "new subject" into an academic one. There is some academic detail which has forensic interest. There are some nice summaries of the effects of various poisons and toxins which have been clearly constructed with considerable care and thought.

Published prior to the "hurricane season" of the fall of 2005, some of the financial comparisons of the costs of various historic disasters affecting the US are already clearly well out of date. This book will go down as a historical record of opinion and the situation immediately post-Sept. 11. It is hard to imagine that it will have a huge appeal to those outside the US.

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